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like to actually introduce specifically AM0726.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, if it makes sense to you, since the first amendment is one you're agreeable to, we can take up that discussion. Then I'll withdraw the next two after that and we can further discuss then the fourth amendment.

SENATOR FLOOD: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that agreeable to you?

SENATOR FLOOD: That's agreeable to me.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, the amendment before you I don't think was discussed, maybe mentioned but not discussed, at any length before you yesterday, but it relates to the voting procedures in the bill, which start on page 3, down about line 20, in case anybody is interested in following. And, as you know, the incentive in this bill is that there will be no election on these jointly...no requirement for a vote of the people on these jointly issued bonds, but it does have a safety catch in it that if there is, within a certain very short period of time, 30 days, a remonstrance petition signed against the...or requiring an election then there would be an election and that petition has to be signed, according to the bill, by registered voters, registered voters in the qualified public agency equal in number to 15 percent or more of the registered voters of the qualified public agency. All I'm suggesting on this particular provision is that we use the language that's characteristic on these petitions and not use registered voters but, instead, use the number of votes cast for Governor at the general election next preceding the adoption of the bond resolution. And that way you don't have this exaggerated number of signatures that you need to get, but rather it's a number of signatures related to the reality of how many people actually vote. And all of us are going to have to explain to people why we're doing this without a vote of the people, and I think one of the ways that we explain it very rationally is to say, well, no vote is required, but if a certain reasonable number of people object to it then there will be a vote. And you'll be better able to argue that